

Drivers' proof of financial responsibility
(HB 1984 by D. Hudson/Lyon)

DIGEST: HB 1984 would have required citations issued to a driver who failed to maintain proof of financial responsibility to contain a notice in large type of the possibility of suspension of the driver's license and of how to avoid suspension by proving financial responsibility.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

"House Bill 1984 amends the same statute as House Bill 1924, thereby creating a potential conflict," the governor said. "On recommendation of the Department of Public Safety, I shall sign House Bill 1924 into law and veto House Bill 1984." (HB 1924 concerns the offices of criminal district attorneys in Matagorda and Wharton counties. Evidently the governor meant to refer to HB 1294 by Gavin, which revises the Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act.)

AUTHOR'S
VIEW:

There is a conflict with HB 1294 on the minor point of how long a driver would be required to maintain proof of financial responsibility, according to Rep. Hudson's office. We thought that five years was an appropriate time, but we hope to be able to consider the bill in the second special session and make any necessary changes.

NOTES:

HB 1984 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a Daily Floor Report.